

815 KAR 22:010. Requirements for approval of continuing education courses and providers.

RELATES TO: KRS 198B.6401, 198B.6405, 198B.6409, 198B.6411, 198B.6415, 198B.6417

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 198B.6409

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 198B.6409 requires the department to promulgate an administrative regulation to establish requirements for approval of continuing education programs and continuing education courses for certified fire sprinkler inspectors. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for approval of continuing education programs and continuing education courses.

Section 1. Requirements for Continuing Educational Provider Approval. (1) Continuing Education Providers, other than the Department, shall either be a:

- (a) Trade Association with affiliation to the Fire Protection System Trade;
- (b) Trade school;
- (c) College;
- (d) Technical school;
- (e) Business dedicated solely to providing continuing education and that provides at least one (1) fire sprinkler inspector course in each of Kentucky's congressional districts quarterly;
- (f) Fire Protection System company that employs full-time training personnel to conduct continuing education programs providing continuing education for fire protection system personnel only; or
- (g) Fire Protection System manufacturer or distributor that employs full-time training personnel to conduct continuing education programs providing continuing education for fire protection system personnel only.

(2)(a) Each continuing education course provider shall register with the department as required by subsection (3) of this section before submitting course materials for department approval.

(b) Registration shall be valid for two (2) years from the date of issuance.

(3) Course providers shall register on Form FPS-33-03 Application for Approval as a Continuing Education Course Provider for Certified Fire Sprinkler Inspectors and shall include the following:

- (a) Company name;
- (b) Contact person;
- (c) Mailing address;
- (d) E-mail address;
- (e) Telephone number; and
- (f) Fax number.

(4) The department shall maintain a list of approved continuing education course providers.

(5) Each course provider shall report to the department a change to the information submitted in the initial application within thirty (30) days after the change takes effect.

(6) For each course approved, the provider shall distribute a questionnaire to each applicant in attendance for the purpose of rating the course.

Section 2. Continuing Education Course Approval. (1) A separate application for approval shall be submitted to the department on Form FPS-33-04, Application for a Certified Fire Sprinkler Inspector Continuing Education Course Approval, for each course offered by the course provider.

(2) A Form FPS 33-33-04, Application for a Certified Fire Sprinkler Inspector Continuing Education Course Approval, shall be:

- (a) Submitted only by an approved provider registered with the department; and
- (b) Submitted at least sixty (60) days prior to the course's offering.

(3) A continuing education course shall provide instruction in fire protection system inspection standards as required by KRS 198B.6411.

(4) The course application shall include the following:

- (a) Name of the course;
- (b) Name and registration number of the provider;
- (c) A course syllabus;
- (d) Name of the instructor or presenter along with his or her qualifications;
- (e) The amount of actual time needed to present the course;
- (f) The objectives of the course; and
- (g) A statement of the practicality of the course to the fire protection system trade.

(5) Content changes made to the course shall require a subsequent submission to the department for review and approval or denial.

(6) Course approval shall be valid for two (2) years from the date of department approval.

(7)(a) The department shall issue a course number for each approved course.

(b) The course number and the provider's number shall appear on all advertisements and certificates for the course.

(8) A provider shall submit to the department a quarterly schedule including dates and locations of courses by January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 annually.

(9) The department shall receive notification of scheduling changes at least ten (10) working days prior to the originally scheduled course date by fax or e-mail to the Fire Protection System section of the department.

(10) Cancellations.

(a) The provider shall give notice of cancellation to registrants no less than five (5) working days prior to scheduled classes unless the governor declares a state of emergency or other conditions exist that would preclude a five (5) day notification of cancellation.

(b) If a scheduled class is cancelled, the registrant shall have the option to attend a re-scheduled class or receive a full refund for the cancelled class from the provider.

(c) A registrant who notifies a provider of registration cancellation prior to five (5) working days of a scheduled course may choose either a full refund or to attend a subsequent course.

Section 3. Continuing Education Course Records. (1) Each registered course provider shall establish and maintain for at least three (3) years the following records for each approved course:

- (a) Certificates of completion as provided in subsection (2) of this section;
- (b) An attendance sign-in and sign-out sheet; and
- (c) A course syllabus.

(2) Certificates of completion.

(a) Each registered course provider shall issue a certificate of completion for each participant who enrolled and completed an approved continuing education course.

(b) A certificate of completion shall contain the following information about the individual participant:

- 1. Name;
- 2. Address;
- 3. License number;
- 4. Date of attendance; and

5. Course completed.

(c) One (1) copy of the certificate of completion shall be:

1. Sent to the department electronically;
2. Retained on file by the provider in compliance with subsection (1) of this section; and
3. Given to the participant upon completion of the course.

Section 4. Course Audits. (1) Records requested in writing by the department shall be delivered to the department within ten (10) days of the requesting date.

(2) Representatives of the department shall not be prohibited from attending an approved continuing education course to ensure that:

- (a) The course meets the stated objectives; and
- (b) Applicable requirements are being met.

Section 5. Disciplinary Action. Provider approval shall be denied or revoked if the provider:

- (1) Obtains, or attempts to obtain, registration or course approval through fraud, false statements, or misrepresentation;
- (2) Does not provide complete and accurate information in either the initial registration or in notification of changes to the information;
- (3) Advertises a course as being approved by the department prior to receiving approval; or
- (4) Fails to comply with the requirements of this administrative regulation.

Section 6. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

(a) "Application for Approval as a Continuing Education Course Provider for Certified Fire Sprinkler Inspectors", Form FPS-33-03, September 2012; and

(b) "Application for a Certified Fire Sprinkler Inspector Continuing Education Course Approval", Form FPS-33-04, September 2012.

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